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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time from the time period set for the new one-month shortened statutory period for filing an Appeal Brief that expired on January 18, 2006 (weekend, federal holiday). Enclosed is charge authorization PTO-Form 2038 for the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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